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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H5872.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 3180 was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor. **Page H6008**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Six yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5875–76, H5904–05, H5916, H5960–61, H5962–63, H5963–64, H5964, and H5964–65. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 10:56 p.m.

## ***Committee Meetings***

### **ENERGY MARKETS TRADING**

*Committee on Agriculture:* Held a hearing to review trading in energy markets. Testimony was heard from Walter Lukken, Acting Chairman, CFTC.

### **MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS' AFFAIRS AND HOMELAND APPROPRIATIONS; BUDGET ALLOCATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Ordered reported the following: Report on the Suballocation of Budget Allocations, Fiscal Year 2009; Report on the Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations, Fiscal Year 2008; and as amended, the Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2009: Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies; and Homeland Security.

### **CLASSIFIED APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Intelligence Oversight Panel met in executive session and approved Recommendations for Classified Appropriations.

### **SAFE COMMISSION ACT—LONG-TERM FISCAL CHALLENGE**

*Committee on the Budget:* Held a hearing on H.R. 3654, SAFE Commission Act, and the Long-Term Fiscal Challenge. Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, former Comptroller General, GAO; and public witnesses.

### **IS OSHA FAILING TO ADEQUATELY ENFORCE CONSTRUCTION SAFETY RULES**

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Held a hearing on Is OSHA Failing to Adequately Enforce Construction Safety Rules? Testimony was heard from Edwin G. Foulke, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Occupational Safety and Health, Department of Labor; Robert LiMandri, Acting Building Commissioner, New York City; and public witnesses.

### **HEALTH EQUITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2007**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on H.R. 3014, Health Equity and Accountability Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Representative Clyburn; the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: John Ruffin, Director, National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities, NIH; and Garth Graham, M.D., Deputy Assistant Secretary, Minority Health, Office of Public Health and Science, Office of the Assistant Secretary, Health; and public witnesses.

### **UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUTURE**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing on The Future of Universal Service: To Whom, By Whom, For What, and How Much? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 3329, Homes for Heroes Act of 2007; H.R. 6309, Lead-Safe Housing for Kids Act of 2008; H.R. 4461, Community Building Code Administration Grant Act of 2007; and H.R. 4049, Money Service Business Act of 2007.

Will continue markup tomorrow.

### **BUSINESS ACTIVITY TAX SIMPLIFICATION ACT OF 2008**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on H.R. 5267, Business Activity Tax Simplification Act of 2008. Testimony was heard from Representatives Boucher and Goodlatte; R. Bruce Johnson, Commissioner, Tax Commission, State of Utah; and public witnesses.

### **NATIONAL SECURITY LETTERS REFORM ACT OF 2007; SUBPOENA**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution approved for full Committee action H.R. 3189, National Security Letters Reform Act of 2007.

The Subcommittee also approved a resolution authorizing the Chairman to issue a subpoena to compel the testimony of Douglas Feith.

### **ONLINE PHARMACIES AND THE PROBLEM OF INTERNET DRUG ABUSE**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on Online Pharmacies and the Problem of Internet Drug Abuse. Testimony was heard from Joseph T. Rannazzisi, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office

of Diversion Control. Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

#### **WILDLIFE WITHOUT BORDERS AUTHORIZATION ACT; OVERSIGHT— CHANGING CLIMATE—IMPACT ON WILDLIFE AND OCEANS**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans oversight hearing on Planning for a Changing Climate and its Impacts on Wildlife and Oceans; and a hearing on H.R. 4455, Wildlife Without Borders Authorization Act. Testimony was heard from Margaret Davidson, Director, Coastal Services Center, NOAA, Department of Commerce; the following officials of the Department of the Interior; Dan Ashe, Science Advisor to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and Kaush Arha, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife and Parks; David K. Whitehurst, Director, Wildlife Division, Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, State of Virginia; Tony Bruello, Deputy Secretary, Climate Change and Energy, Resources Agency, State of California; and public witnesses.

#### **OVERSIGHT—IMPACTS OF INVASIVE QUAGGA MUSSELS**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power held an oversight hearing on The Silent Invasion: Finding Solutions to Minimize the Impacts of Invasive Quagga Mussels on Water Rates, Water Infrastructure and the Environment. Testimony was heard from Karl Wirkus, Deputy Commissioner for Operations, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

#### **AEY CONTRACTS EXAMINATION**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Held a hearing on Examination of AEY Contracts with the U.S. Government. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: BGN William N. Phillips, USA, Commanding General, Picatinny Arsenal, Commander, Joint Munitions and Lethality Life Cycle Management Command; Jeffery P. Parsons, Executive Director, Army Contracting Command (Provisional) U.S. Army Materiel Command; and Mitchell Howell, Executive Director, Ground Systems and Munitions Division, Defense Contract Management Agency; and Stephen D. Mull, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political Military Affairs, Department of State.

#### **OVERSIGHT—COALITION SUPPORT FUNDS FOR PAKISTAN**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs held a hearing on Oversight of Coalition Support Funds for Pakistan. Testimony was heard from the

following officials of the GAO: Charles Michael Johnson, Jr., Director, International Affairs and Trade; and Steve Sebastian, Director, Financial Management and Assurance Team; the following officials of the Department of Defense: MG Bobby Wilkes (Ret.), Deputy Assistant Secretary, South Asia, Office of the Secretary; and John P. Roth, Deputy Comptroller (Program/Budget), Office of the Under Secretary (Comptroller); and Ambassador Stephen D. Mull, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau for Political-Military Affairs, Department of State.

#### **ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX RELIEF ACT OF 2008**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a record vote of 9 to 3, a closed rule providing for consideration of H.R. 6275, the "Alternative Minimum Tax Relief Act of 2008." The rule provides 1 hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions of the bill, as amended.

The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration until a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Representatives Neal and Brady of Texas.

#### **ADA RESTORATION ACT OF 2007**

*Committee on Rules:* The Committee granted, by a non-record vote, a closed rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3195, the "ADA Restoration Act of 2007." The rule provides 1 hour of general debate, with 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Labor and 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and Labor now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions of the bill, as amended, are waived.

The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule provides that, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman George Miller of California; and Chairman Conyers

#### **LAND CLAIMS—BAY MILLS INDIAN COMMUNITY AND SAULT STE. MARINE TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS**

*Committee on Rules:* Committee granted, by a non-record vote, a closed rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2176, to provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Bay Mills Indian Community. The rule provides 1 hour of debate in the House, with 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources, and 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. In lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted. The rule waives all points of order against provisions of the bill, as amended, and provides that the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule provides that the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairmen Rahall and Conyers; and Representatives Stupak, Berkley, Miller of Michigan and Campbell of California.

#### **AMERICAN DECLINE OR RENEWAL**

*Committee on Science and Technology,* Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight continued hearings on American Decline or Renewal? Part 2—the Past and Future of Skilled Work. Testimony was heard from Paul Brubaker, Administrator, Research and Innovative Technology Administration, Department of Transportation; Randall Iwasaki, Chief Deputy Director, Department of Transportation, State of California; and public witnesses.

#### **EFFICIENT ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE**

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation held a hearing on Sustainable, Energy-Efficient Road Infrastructure. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,* Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing on Connecting Communities: The Role of the Surface Transportation Network in Moving People and Freight. Testimony was heard from Jim Lynch, Director and CEO, Department of Transportation, State of Montana; H. B. Limehouse, Jr., Secretary, Department of Transportation, State of South Carolina; and public witnesses.

#### **COMPREHENSIVE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING**

*Committee on Transportation:* Subcommittee on Water Resources, and Environment held a hearing on Comprehensive Watershed Management and Planning. Testimony was heard from Steven L. Stockton, Director, Civil Works, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army; and public witnesses.

#### **NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVES—VA/DOD COOPERATION AND REINTEGRATION**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on VA/DOD Cooperation and Reintegration of National Guard and Reserves. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: COL Corinne Ritter, USA Director, Army Reserve Surgeon Office Forward, U.S. Army Reserve; and SMA Janet Salotti, USA (Ret.), Chief of Reintegration, Office of Joint Manpower and Personnel, National Guard Bureau; MG Marianne Mathewson-Chapman, USA (Ret.), National Guard and Reserve Coordinator, Office of Outreach to Guard and Reserve Families, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

#### **PROTECTING SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFICIARIES**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on Protecting Social Security Beneficiaries from Predatory Lending and Other Harmful Financial Institution Practices. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the SSA: Patrick P. O'Carroll, Jr., Inspector General; and Marianna LaCanfora, Assistant Deputy Commissioner, Retirement and Disability Policy; Gary Grippo, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Fiscal Operations, Department of the Treasury; Steve Fritts, Associate Director, Risk Management Policy and Examination Support Branch, Division of Supervision and Consumer Protection, FDIC; and public witnesses.